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POSSIBLE RECALL OF SHAH AND STOCK

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[75 groups unrecovered]

He can replace SHAH [Shakh] even in our line.

2. So far as I have understood it, STOCK's [Shtok] [i] departure also is not far off. Even if SHAH and STOCK are both replaced without delay, the simultaneous recall of the two most experienced operational workers of the OFFICE [KONTORA] [ii] will have a severe effect on the performance of tasks especially those of the [B's first] line, for it is clear that for satisfactory qualifications in our line

[8 groups unrecovered]

two months.

3. In the event of SHAH's liaison being handed over to ALEKSEJ [iii], which we consider absolutely necessary [2 groups unrecovered] to relieve ALEKSEJ of probationers and the work of the control [1 group unrecovered].

4. Under any conditions, in so far as SHAH has just had a child born, we consider it impossible to send him off earlier than in 3 or 4 months' time. Please expedite a reply.

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[ii] The State Security apparatus in the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.  
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